

and we are responsible to them and our communities to be involved in these critical choices, teaching them responsibility and good decision making.

The Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act upholds the safety laws of individual states and protects parents' rights to be involved in decisions regarding their children. I thank my colleagues who voted for this legislation and urge the Senate to quickly pass this legislation to ensure the safety of our children.

#### INTRODUCING THE WATER FOR THE POOR ACT OF 2005

#### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2005*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the Water for the Poor Act of 2005, with Representatives CLAY SHAW, TOM LANTOS, JIM LEACH, GEORGE MILLER, and TOM TANCREDI as original cosponsors. The Water for the Poor Act complements legislation introduced by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, S. 492, the "Safe Water: Currency for Peace Act."

This bill highlights a pressing issue: up to 5 million people die each year from lack of access to clean water and sanitation, including 1 child every 15 seconds. One in six people in the world—over 1.1 billion people—lack access to clean water and one in three people—over 2.3 billion people—don't have access to adequate sanitation. As half of the people in the developing world are sick at any given time from a water-related disease, water and sanitation access is a major barrier to fighting poverty and increasing economic productivity.

The Water for the Poor Act focuses American efforts to meet President Bush's commitment to cut in half the percentage of people without access to water and sanitation by 2015. This bill makes expanding access to clean water and sanitation a major objective for U.S. development efforts. It highlights innovative funding methods to increase the amount of public and private resources available and requires USAID to develop a strategy and measurable goals for increasing water access in an affordable and equitable way.

#### A TRIBUTE TO MADAME FAUSTA DELBEAU ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2005*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Fausta Delbeau in honor of her 100th birthday which she will celebrate on April 30.

Fausta was born in Jacmel, Haiti on April 30, 1905. She was married to Jeannel Delbeau. They had seven children: Nirva, Paulette, Yves, Marie-Theresa, Jean Claude, Claudette and Adeline. She moved to Cuba in the 1940's before Fidel Castro's rise to power. Fausta left in the 1960's, just a little while after Castro took over, migrating to the United States of America where she has permanently resided since then.

Mrs. Fausta Delbeau has been a U.S. citizen for more than 20 years. She has worked very hard, through difficult and trying times and circumstances, to educate and provide for her immediate and extended family members.

A devout Christian believer in the Seventh-Day Adventist message, Mrs. Delbeau has been an active and fervent member of the Hebrew S.D.A. Church in Brooklyn, NY. She is now a member of Maranatha! French & Creole Speaking S.D.A. Church in Queens, NY. She has always devoted her heart to the work of charity and community service both with the church and in her personal life.

Mr. Speaker, Madame Fausta Delbeau has lived a long and fruitful life in three different countries. She has remained true to her Christian beliefs throughout her 100 years and as such is worthy of our recognition today.

#### HONORING PINE FORGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

#### HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2005*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Pine Forge Athletic Association on the occasion of its 35th anniversary.

In 1970, the Pine Forge Athletic Association was founded by Merle Harner and Robert "Skip" Trainer. Both men had young children who wanted to be involved in youth sports, but the neighboring area sports programs were overcrowded. Mr. Harner and Mr. Trainer took it upon themselves to create the Pine Forge Athletic Association in order to give the youth of the community an opportunity to play baseball and softball with their friends and neighbors.

The Association started with a philosophy and a mission to provide insightful instruction on the basic fundamentals of baseball and softball, while at the same time instilling the players with moral values and good sportsmanship. The Association also emphasized giving each team member an opportunity to play in each game.

The first team in 1970 had approximately 12–15 players and played at a small field at the Pine Forge Elementary School. Since the early 1970s, the Pine Forge Athletic Association has grown tremendously in size. Today, there are nine different divisions in the Association that accommodate players from the ages of five to nineteen. To accommodate the large number of participants, the Association utilizes at least fifteen different locations that host Little League, t-ball, softball, and a rookie league.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring not only the Pine Forge Athletic Association for the positive contributions it has made to the citizens of Berks County, Pennsylvania, but also Merle Harner and Robert "Skip" Trainer for helping with the positive development of the moral, physical, and emotional well-being of the young men and women who have participated in the Pine Forge Athletic Association over the past 35 years.

#### HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CONNIE HEADRICK, RAHE BULVERDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

#### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the many accomplishments of Connie Headrick, Rahe Bulverde Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Connie Headrick holds a Bachelor's degree from Dakota State College in Madison, South Dakota, and a Master's degree from the National Louis University, European Region. She has 30 years of experience as an educator. Today, she is a Resource Special Education teacher at Rahe Bulverde Elementary School, in the Comal Independent School District.

Ms. Headrick believes that the best results are achieved by treating each child as an individual. She summarizes her teaching philosophy by saying, "each student has needs, and addressing these needs with respect gives the child value." Once children learn to value themselves, Ms. Headrick says, they can begin to accomplish their goals.

Connie Headrick is a valuable and dedicated educator. Her 30 years of experience have made her an effective teacher and a tremendous resource for her students, and for the families of the Comal Independent School District. By teaching her students how to value themselves and see their own potential, she opens up a brighter future for them. She is truly a credit to her profession, and I am proud to have the chance to recognize her here.

#### ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

#### HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 21, 2005*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 6) to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy:

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Chairman, our country needs to reduce its dependence on foreign oil and increase its national energy independence. Increasing our energy independence will stabilize future energy prices, benefit American consumers and businesses, and enhance both our energy security and our national security.

As a member of the House Renewable Energy Caucus, I have supported measures to encourage and increase the use of renewable and alternative energy sources. H.R. 6 included tax incentives for energy efficiency programs and renewable energy sources such as wind and solar production that I would like to vote for. As a co-chair of the Biofuels Fuels Caucus, I also support the renewable fuels standard which I have promoted to decrease our dependency on foreign oil, help U.S. farmers and protect the environment.

There are several issues, however, that concern me about H.R. 6, and these issues have continually blocked congressional passage of comprehensive energy legislation over